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In re the Application of

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Application No.: 09/530,518

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For: METHOD AND AGENT FOR DETERMINING AN ENZYMATIC ACTIVITY SUCH
AS DEAMINASE

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed April 23, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 22, 30 and 47 as follows:

22. (Twice Amended) Method for detecting and identifying and/or quantifying an enzymatic activity of a microorganism, according to which an inoculum suspected of containing a microorganism with a deaminase activity is brought into contact with a culture medium for microorganisms,

wherein the culture medium comprises at least one detection agent for demonstrating, by forming a colored product with a revealing agent, an enzymatic activity;